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FRINGE Off-The Clock

Sixth annual Fundy FRINGE Festival offers a full host of creative workshops and plenty of off-the-clock FRINGE extras!



SAINT JOHN – The sixth annual **Fundy FRINGE Festival** will take place August 20-25. The popular summer theatre festival will offer a jammed packed 20 act line-up of magic, comedy, drama, dance and more. In addition to the ambitious line-up of performance art, a full host of creative workshops and lots of fun-filled bonus events will be thrown into the mix!

Five unique workshops will be hosted by some resident and visiting FRINGE artists covering topics such as stage presence, writing, stage combat and stilt walking for the beginner. The workshops are open to everyone; registration takes place at 112 Princess Street. Fundy FRINGE 2018 Workshop line-up:

Stilt Walking for Beginners with Island Stilt Alliance | Tues. Aug. 21 | 12:15-12:45pm | By Donation
We will be gathering participants who wish to learn to walk tall with confidence! Two types of stilts will be available for trying out. Workshop will take place at King's Square.

Writer's Forum with Mark Foster | Fri. Aug. 24 | 2-4pm | By Donation
A workshop for playwrights of all styles and abilities to bring ideas, characters, scenes, blockages, etc. to talk out with fellow artists. Taboo Theatre's Playwright In Residence Mark Foster will facilitate with an emphasis on meeting the needs of the individual participants.

Keepin' It Hot: Intro to Long-Form Improv with the Hot Garbage Players | Sat. Aug 25 | 10:30-12:30 | \$10
Fuel your improv fire and keep your scene burning all night long. Learn how to deeply explore scenes and characters in order to perform your own completely improvised story!

Stage Combat with Victoria Goring | Sat. Aug. 25 | 1-1:45pm | \$10
The art of stage combat: Learn how to slap kick and punch safely! An empowering workshop led by women!

Betch Betta Work: Stage Presence and Heels by Nawal Doucette | Sat. Aug. 25rd | 2-3 pm | \$15
Bring your heels. Fave HEELS. Because we are gonna strut our stuff as we explore traveling with different emotion, intentions and foot patterns. Perfect for ANYONE interested in claiming their stage!

Many fun-filled off-the-clock additions are also in the works for those who simply cannot get enough FRINGE! The festival will launch with a **Big Tease Preview Night** (Mon. Aug 20, 7:30pm) offering a sneak peek of the upcoming festival shows. Some trivia and a beer tasting compliments of Picaroons will round out the night. Back by popular demand, a **Walk n' Talk with David Goss: Fundy Fringe Festival Art and Culture Walk** will take place on Tues. Aug. 21 at 7:15 pm at the Barbour's General Store. Read a poem, sing a song, play the guitar, tell a story, anything goes at the **Openin' Night, Open Mic** (Tue. Aug. 21, 11:45 pm). Enjoy a mid-week

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late night of fun and games with the **Not-So-Family Game Night** (Wed. Aug. 22, 11:45 pm) or catch a flick with the FRINGE during the **Fringe Movie Night** (Thur. Aug. 23, 11:45 pm) be sure to vote for your favourite film in advance on the Fundy FRINGE Festival facebook page. Get ready some end of the week fun with the **Fundy FRINGE Freak Out Dance Party** (Fri. Aug. 24, 11:45pm). The festivities come to an exciting end with the **Gala Fringe** (Sat. Aug. 25, 11:30pm). Join us as we celebrate the end of the sixth Fundy FRINGE Festival with awards for Best of the Fest, Spirit of the Fringe, and so much more!

Several bonus events have also been added for even more summer fun:

An interactive **Youth Radio Camp** will be hosted by Local 107.3. The program is specially designed for 9-14 year olds with a passion for radio! Part of the camp will consist of daily visits to the FRINGE Hub to interview FRINGE artists resulting in a FRINGE in Review show that will be aired on Local 107.3! For more information call 652-7582.

This year we are pleased to welcome **Catapult Coffee** into our FRINGE Hub at 112 Princess Street! Free coffee and tea will be served throughout the festival from 4-7pm. Catapult Coffee is preparing to open a new coffee shop on Princess Street with proceeds supporting Outflow homeless outreach in Saint John. Drop by for a cup or two and let them know what you think.

As a tasty FRINGE bonus, **Sankara Cuisine will be hosting a special Ethiopian Pop Up FRINGE Dinner** at the FRINGE Hub (112 Princess St) on August 23 from 5:30-7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through www.eventbrite.ca. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1834490103301330/>

Want a sneak peek of the FRINGE? Our popular noon hour **APPE-TEASE-ERS at the Saint John Free Public Library** will give you a little taste of FRINGE 2018. Previews will run from 12:15-1pm August 21-23 at the library, hope you can pop in!

The **Fundy FRINGE Festival** is supported by Canadian Heritage, the Province of New Brunswick, City of Saint John, Saint John Community Arts Funding, Picaroons, Atlantic Lotto, 97.3 The Wave and Local 107.3.

Off-the-clock activities and workshops will take place at the BMO Studio Theatre, located at 112 Princess Street unless otherwise specified. For a complete list of all performances, ticket information and after-hours bonus events and workshops please visit: www.fundyfringefestival.com.